

Americans. The Athenian Federation of U.S.A. and Canada makes a remarkable effort to keep the spirit of freedom alive with their annual Archieratical Tedeum. I am proud to have such a strong Greek community in my district and an organization such as the Athenians Federation of U.S.A. and Canada to promote issues of importance to this wonderful community.

THE PLIGHT OF THE MONTAGNARDS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the Congress to the Montagnard refugees from the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

The Montagnards were loyal allies of American Special Forces and served bravely with our U.S. military troops during the Vietnam War. Montagnards have suffered terribly in Vietnam for their religious and political beliefs and they continue to suffer. I strongly support human rights and strongly oppose persecution throughout the world; values at the heart of our faiths and our American democracy.

Since 1986, my state of North Carolina has been privileged to receive several hundred Montagnard refugees from the Central Highlands of Vietnam. There are over one thousand Montagnards who now live in Greensboro, Raleigh, and Charlotte, thanks to the hard work and compassion of people of faith and human rights activists such as Lutheran Family Services of North Carolina. The Department of State has called the resettlement of this new immigrant community one of the most successful resettlement programs in the United States.

The Montagnards have become U.S. citizens, they enrich our nation, they are productive, proud people who love freedom and the chance for survival that this nation has offered them. The Montagnards stood by our nation and now we should do all we can to insure that their family members are allowed to emigrate from Vietnam.

I am encouraged by the emphasis Ambassador "Pete" Peterson, himself a former Vietnam Prisoner of War and Member of Congress, has promised to place on the plight of the Montagnards. Our nation must strengthen its efforts in gaining measurable Vietnamese cooperation in processing applications for emigration under the Orderly Departure Program (ODP) and the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees agreement (ROVR). We should expect and demand progress on all of the Montagnard cases. These families have waited too long to be reunited with loved ones.

IN HONOR OF MORT MEYERS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mort Meyers, as he will soon be receiving

the Humanitarian of the Year award from the David Posnack Jewish Community Center in Davie, Florida. Mort's record of public service on behalf of the people of South Florida is truly impressive and deserving of this formal recognition.

Born in Detroit, Mort moved to Florida after his brother Dennis took up residence in Miramar. After a series of sales jobs, Mort bought a coffee shop on Hollywood's City Hall Circle, where he and his wife Ethyl spoiled their customers rotten. Even Mort's mother Gussie became involved, making her signature cakes and pastries that are now known as "Gussie's Goodies."

Times change, and so did the Meyers family. Mort and his brother Dennis joined their father in a surplus electronics and hardware venture. After some rough times early on, the family ultimately achieved a great deal of success. Today, Mort is involved with the family business—Arco Distributors in Davie, Florida—selling industrial adhesives, electronic components, and point of sale equipment. However, Mort's devotion to his business is only part of his story.

Over the past 29 years since Mort Meyers arrived in Florida, the community has benefited greatly due to Mort's presence. A Founding Member of the Davie Coalition of Condos and Homeowners Associations, he has served on the Davie Economic Development Council, the Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee, the Davie Budget Committee, and the Davie Visions 2000 Committee. In addition, Mort was Vice President of the Davie Democratic Club and chairman of the South Broward Park District. Mort also served with distinction on the Jewish Federation of Broward County's Board of Directors.

Much of Mort's time over the past 10 years has been devoted to his involvement at the David Posnack Jewish Community Center. The award that the Center is bestowing on Mort Meyers is surely a reflection of his dedication and hard work. He has been involved with the Center since the dedication of its land site—serving on committees, donating money for camps or program scholarships, maintaining the building itself, and more.

Mr. Speaker, all who know him or know of him will surely agree that Mort Meyers is an extraordinary individual. With his impending acceptance of the Humanitarian of the Year award from the David Posnack Jewish Community Center, I wish to convey a heartfelt congratulations and many thanks to him for his work benefiting the entire South Florida community.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, in my capacity as Co-Chair of the Congressional Coalition on Population and Development, and on behalf of my fellow Co-Chair, Congressman SAWYER, I would like to share with our colleagues the following proclamation, endorsed by 19 of our colleagues, regarding World Population Awareness Week:

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

World population stands today at more than 5.9 billion and increases by more than 80 million per year, with virtually all of this growth in the least developed countries.

A total of 1.3 billion people—more than the combined population of Europe and North Africa—live in absolute poverty on the equivalent of one U.S. dollar or less a day; 1.5 billion people—nearly one-quarter of the world's population—lack an adequate supply of clean drinking water or sanitation; more than 840 million people—one-fifth of the entire population of the developing world—are hungry or malnourished.

Demographic studies and surveys indicate that in the developing world there are at least 120 million married women—and a large but undefined number of unmarried women—who want more control over their fertility but lack access to family planning. This unmet need for family planning is projected to result in 1.2 billion unintended births.

The 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo determined that a combination of political commitment and appropriate programs designed to provide universal access to voluntary family planning information, education and services can ensure world population stabilization at 8 billion or less rather than 12 billion or more.

We, the following members of the United States House of Representatives are pleased to support the week of October 24-31, 1998 as World Population Awareness Week, and urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and to participate appropriately in its observation.

Constance A. Morella, Thomas C. Sawyer, Brad Sherman, Sam Gejdenson, Karen McCarthy, Lloyd Doggett, James P. McGovern, Elizabeth Furse, Maurice D. Hinchey, John Lewis, George E. Brown, Jr., Marcy Kaptur, Jim McDermott, Martin Frost, David E. Price, Benjamin A. Gilman, Nita M. Lowey, Carolyn B. Maloney, Tom Lantos.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Hyde impeachment inquiry resolution. This is a sad day in the history of our Nation when the majority in Congress continues to search for an impeachable crime—in its ongoing political mission—to destroy the President of the United States.

While the American people do not condone the behavior of the President, they do want him to have a fair hearing. The excessive investigation of President Clinton has gone too far, and has gone on far too long.

What is needed is a fair, common sense and responsible inquiry not a continuing witch hunt. The American people and the President and his family deserve better.

So, Mr. Speaker, the matter at hand is not about whether to proceed with an impeachment inquiry. It is about how we should proceed. We must first consider the constitutional

standard for such. For the sake of the American people and the Clinton family, this inquiry must be done fairly and concluded quickly.

I am concerned that the majority unilaterally announced at a recent news conference that they intended to ask for an inquiry of impeachment before considering the constitutional standard for the impeachment of a President. We must begin with a consideration of the constitutional standard for impeachment, a comparison of the allegations with the standard, and an examination of the sufficiency of the evidence, before any vote is taken on conducting formal inquiry proceedings.

I firmly believe that we must rise above all partisan and political differences. Therefore, it is imperative that the Congress and the American people proceed with due caution and appropriate fairness to President Clinton and his family without allowing philosophical differences to divide us. President Clinton has led our country well, and like any other American citizen he has a right to due process.

As such, whatever our personal beliefs may be, we must work together to ensure that President Clinton is not denied that right. That responsibility rests with each of us individually and collectively.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to oppose the Hyde impeachment inquiry resolution.

COMMENDING GARY AND IRIS
GREENBAUM

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend two of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Gary and Iris Greenbaum, of Munster, Indiana. On November 1, 1998, Gary and Iris will be honored for their exemplary and dedicated service to our community and to the State of Israel. Their praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at the Northwest Indiana-Israel Dinner of State, as they receive the 1998 Israel Builders of Freedom Award. The Freedom Builder Awards are given each year to worthy recipients who demonstrate their dedication and service to Israel, the State of Israel Bonds, the Jewish community, and our own community. The Greenbaums are most certainly worthy recipients of this year's award. True community activists, Gary and Iris give much of their time to local charities and service organizations. These community groups include the Munster Citizens Police Commission, the Northwest Indiana Jewish Welfare Federation, the Gleaner Food Depository, Temple Israel, Congregation Beth Israel, and the local Jewish Federation.

Gary and Iris, longtime residents of Munster, hale from Gary and Chicago, respectively. After both graduated from Indiana University, they returned to Gary's native region, Northwest Indiana, and have made our area their permanent home. In 1971, Gary started his career as an insurance agent. After a few years gaining quality experience, in 1976 he founded the Greenbaum Insurance Agency, located in Griffith, Indiana; Iris also works for the Agency as its most important unpaid worker in her dual role as office manager and insurance agent. Gary and Iris are the parents of two sons, Jason and Evan, of whom they

are immensely proud. Both Gary and Iris have their own interests outside of work and their dedicated community activities. Gary is an antique automobile buff, and Iris is a master gardener; both enjoy traveling together. They plan on continuing their charity and community work, in addition to providing affordable, local insurance services to Northwest Indiana residents.

In the words of Gary himself, "I believe every Jew has the solemn responsibility to safeguard his brothers from oppression by helping to guarantee that Israel exists as a haven where any Jew can choose his own destiny." As America has served as a haven of freedom and opportunity for immigrants the world over, so her citizens now reach out and ensure that the freedom-loving peoples of the world are safe and secure. To quote Thomas Paine, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it." No one is more deserving of the opportunity and freedom guaranteed by America than Gary and Iris Greenbaum; their efforts have truly gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Gary and Iris Greenbaum for receiving the 1998 Israel Builders of Freedom Award. Their dedicated service to both the State of Israel and our Northwest Indiana community is commendable and admirable. No government, leader, or military can safeguard the twin blessings of freedom and opportunity without the labors of dedicated, conscientious citizens. With their support, our world has become a better place, a place of freedom, democracy, and opportunity. Indiana's First Congressional District is proud to count two such dedicated, conscientious citizens, Gary and Iris Greenbaum, among her residents.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF JUDGE
MARSHALL CRAIG

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to eulogize a great man who lived in my Congressional District in Sikeston, MO. Judge Marshall Craig died on August 31, 1998, at the age of 91. As an editorial in the local newspaper written by Mike Jensen stated "Judge Marshall Craig was in a league of his own. Universally respected and genuinely admired by all of those who knew him . . . he leaves a legacy of community involvement, professional accomplishment and unparalleled admiration. We will likely not see another of his caliber come along for many years."

Judge Craig was born on February 10, 1907, near Hickman Mills in Jackson County, MO, to the late Robert Lee and Theodocia Cowherd Craig. He graduated from high school in Columbia, MO, in 1926, from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1930, and from the University Missouri Law School in 1932. He played basketball for the Missouri Tigers, leading his team to the Big-Six Championship in 1930, as the team captain. He was selected to the First Team All-conference squad that same year.

Craig was an assistant U.S. Attorney in St. Louis, and later served as prosecuting attorney in Mississippi County. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II, prior to moving to Sikeston and joining the Bailey Law Firm as a partner. He served four terms as Circuit Judge and was then appointed as the first senior judge in the state of Missouri.

Judge Craig loved his family, church and community and took an active role in every organization he deemed important . . . and they were many. He received almost every honor and award that existed in Sikeston. In Mr. Jensen's editorial he stated, "If you wanted instant credibility on any board or for any issue or cause, the first name to surface was Marshall Craig. His reputation brought that degree of authority and respect. To many of us, if Marshall Craig thought it was a good idea, that was good enough for us."

Judge Craig also had a profound effect on a member of my staff when he presided over the adoption proceedings of my Executive Assistant, Kacky Garner, when C.W. and Lucille Martin adopted her. Kacky has related to me that Judge Craig often told her that having been involved in her adoption and then watching her grow to adulthood in that happy home was one of the nicest and most rewarding things he ever got to do as a Judge.

One son, Michael H. Craig of Memphis, TN, one daughter, Nancy McMahon of Sikeston; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive Judge Craig. His wisdom, strength of character, and faith will never be forgotten by all those who knew and respected him. He was truly a great American.

DYSTONIA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dystonia Awareness Week, October 11-18, 1998. This important occasion was brought to my attention by my constituent, Mr. Robert W. McCabe of Vista, California.

Dystonia is the third most common movement disorders after Parkinson's Disease and Tremor, affecting over 300,000 people in North America alone. Dystonia is a neurological disorder causing involuntary spasms that are disabling and often extremely painful.

The American public knows little about dystonia, and many people react to its physical manifestations by avoiding those who suffer from the disorder. Greater recognition and understanding of dystonia is much-needed in both the medical and lay communities. I urge all citizens to learn more about this disorder and to support those who are affected by it.

There is no cure for dystonia at this time. In 1997, however, the gene for early-onset generalized dystonia was discovered, offering hope for future research and development of a possible cure. I would like to add my name to the list of supporters of dystonia research and encourage every Member of Congress to do the same.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing October 11-18, 1998 as Dystonia Awareness Week.